

BOUND AND ROBBED BY FIVE MASKED MEN

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Burglars Threatened Violence, and Are Suspected of Being Residents of the Locality.

Hagerstown, Md., March 7.—A bold burglary took place at an early hour yesterday morning at the house of Miss Eliza Waltz, a wealthy elderly lady living in Washington county about a mile south of Cayetown. Five masked burglars entered the house by beating in the back door with a fence rail and carried off about \$2,500 in money.

Miss Waltz was awakened after midnight by the noise. A moment later the burglars broke into her room and seized her. They asked for the money which was in the house. At first she told them she did not have any money in the place. They said they knew better and had been told she kept a large sum of money in the house. By threats she was finally induced to tell where the money was, in a bureau drawer in the room adjoining her bedroom.

The burglars then deliberately proceeded to tie her arms behind her and her feet with ropes. She was then rolled into bed and tied fast to the bedposts. Stanton Holtsman, aged about ten years, a nephew of Miss Waltz, also tied and bound to his bed. Miss Waltz and the little boy were the only occupants of the room. During the tying of the victims one of the burglars said to another: "Hurry, keep your face covered, else the old lady will recognize you." Three of the men were tall, two short. Five wore cloths over their faces, bound around their heads with bladder twine. One wore a common mask, or false face.

Everything in the room was turned topsy-turvy in their search. The money was found where Miss Waltz said it was secreted. They took nothing else, and then left at 2 a. m.

Merion Houck, a relative, who stays in the house at night, but was absent when the robbery took place, returned home after the burglars left and released Miss Waltz and the boy. Mr. Houck aroused Miss Waltz's brother-in-law, Mr. Joshua Houck, living opposite, and couriers were dispatched after officers of the law.

The general opinion is that the burglars were residents of that section and were familiar with the house and knew that money was kept on the premises.

DESTRUCTION BY THE WIND.
Houses and Barns Razed and Chimneys Blown Down.

Cumberland, Md., March 7.—Telegrams from various sections of the surrounding country report considerable destruction from the windstorm Sunday morning. The telephone line along the West Virginia Central line was greatly damaged. At Twenty-first bridge a car roof was torn off. Farmers report barns and sheds blown down, and considerable damage to small buildings. In Cumberland chimneys and smokestacks were prostrated and a house at the steel mills was raised.

At Eckhart a large tree was torn up by the roots, which upset a building, the roots having grown under it.

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DESERTED HER SON.
Richly Dressed Woman Abandons a Child to Charity.

Hagerstown, Md., March 7.—A woman who said she was from Martinsburg, W. Va., deserted her four-year-old boy in a cab in Hagerstown. The boy says his name is Herman.

The woman was well dressed. She told the cabman to drive to the Orphans' Home. There she failed to have the child admitted, as she had no money to pay for his care. She then went to the Washington county. Driving thence to a store, the woman told the cabman to wait until she made her purchases. He waited over an hour, and the woman did not return. He took the child to his home. It will be placed in the Orphans' Home if not called for by the woman.

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To Improve a Theatre.
Cumberland, Md., March 7.—The city council of Cumberland last night voted to receive bids for an extensive improvement to the Academy of Music, removing boxes now unused and enlarging and modernizing the stage. The improvement will cost about \$10,000. The council also opened nine bids offered for the lease of the Academy. The bid of Mellinger Brothers, the present lessees, was the highest—\$240 a year. The stipulations are for one year, with the privilege of three. Mellinger Brothers heretofore paid \$1,567 a year. The council voted \$50 for the use of the city to the estate of Charles B. Wilkerson, former city engineer. The bill had been pending several years.

Not a Candidate for Mayor.
Elliot City, Md., March 7.—John B. Morrow, the candidate for mayor of Elliot City on the ticket in opposition to the Dunker ticket took formal legal steps yesterday to have his name removed from the official ballot. To do this required a written statement, acknowledged before a justice of the peace, to be filed with the election supervisors. In the statement Mr. Morrow said he disavowed having had any intention of accepting the nomination, and that he declined it and requested that his name be not printed on the official ballot. The ticket as it was presented is likely to have other changes being made. Its purpose is declared by its chief promoter to be to control the city appointments of policemen and collector of taxes.

Industrial Activity.
Cumberland, Md., March 7.—The lumber mills along the West Virginia Central Railroad are running overtime to fill orders. The Blackwater and the Beaver Creek Lumber Companies, at Davis, W. Va., are compelled to work three nights a week, while the Otter Creek Company, at Hamilton, is installing an electric plant so that work may be done at night. This company is also building a box factory, annex and erecting much new machinery in its lumber mills. The Rumberhar Lumber Company, at Dobbin, W. Va., is enjoying an immense trade.

A Reunited Family.
Hagerstown, Md., March 7.—Mrs. Sarah Mandelstein and three daughters arrived here from Goldenberg, Russia, after traveling 3,000 miles, and were met at the depot by her two daughters and two sons. The husband, Samuel Mandelstein, left his native home three years ago and came to America. As he accumulated money he sent for one, then another, of his family, until now he has them all with him. He has six children. It required nearly a month for them to make the trip to Hagerstown.

Spanish War Veteran Pensioned.
Hagerstown, Md., March 7.—Robert Orndorff, of this place, has secured a pension of \$5 a month for disability incurred in the Spanish-American war. He is the only

member of Company B, First Maryland Regiment, to get a pension and the fourth man pensioned in the late war.

COAL OIL VS. ELECTRIC LIGHT.
End of a Red-Hot Campaign in Williamsport, Md.

Williamsport, Md., March 7.—One of the hottest town elections ever held in this place resulted yesterday in a signal victory for the electric light ticket by majorities ranging from 49 to 114. Out of a registered vote of 326 in the town 204 voted, showing the tremendous interest taken. Political lines were obliterated, men of both parties being on the winning ticket. The sole issue was "light." The polls were held at the town hall. J. N. K. Malone was judge; Frank King clerk.

The successful ticket, with the vote of each candidate, follows: Burgess, George Thompson, 195; re-elected; assistant burgess, George W. McDowell, 172; commissioners: William H. Beard, 179; William H. Norris, 177; Samuel I. Preston, 208; Peter L. Lemen, 185; H. S. Ardinger, 200. The vote against the ordinance imposing a tax of 15 cents in the \$100 for coal oil lamps was 188.

The vote for the defeated coal oil ticket was as follows: Burgess, John S. Conley, 119; assistant burgess, D. B. Payne, 125; commissioners, M. Emmett Cullen, 122; A. B. Kimble, 121; Andrew J. Mondy, 96; Simon P. Miller, 125; Justice Arthur C. Gruber, 87.

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The renters (poor man's) ticket got four votes. The ticket was headed by John S. Conley for burgess. The electric light advocates declared this ticket was ostensibly in favor of lights, but was really put up to beat the electric light ticket.

The result of the election, so the newly elected officers declare, will be that Williamsport will have an electric light plant in operation before the middle of summer. The legislature authorized the town to borrow \$20,000 for electric lights and waterworks. Waterworks will be a later consideration.

All sorts of influences were brought to bear on the election. For two nights the town was in darkness. Anti-light people accused the light advocates of putting out what few street lamps were in the town to show the disadvantage of being without lights. The light advocates, to hold the opponents up to ridicule, appeared on the streets with candles and lanterns, stumbling along to find their way.

HER MIND UNBALANCED.
Farmer's Daughter Seized With a Homicidal Mania.

Frederick City, Md., March 7.—George Miller, a well-known farmer, of Double Hill, near Frederick County, took his daughter, Ella Miller, twenty-five years of age, to Montevue Hospital yesterday to have her confined in the insane department for treatment, but she was not formally committed as her mind was unbalanced. She was then brought to Frederick City and committed to the custody of the sheriff. The young lady was charged with attempting to kill her older sister, Miss Annie Miller, with a double-barreled shotgun, yesterday.

Miss Annie Miller said: "I was sitting at home reading when I observed my sister go to the closet where my father keeps his firearms. I paid but little attention to her actions until I heard her say she was going to blow my head off. I then ran quickly. I saw her in the act of leveling a double-barreled shotgun at me. I gave a scream, which seemed to disconcert her for the time, when I sprang to her side, and, with my hands, attempted to wrench the weapon from her. We tussled for some time for the weapon, when I commenced to feel that my hands were failing, and presently assistance arrived and my sister was overpowered and the gun taken from her. She was greatly excited, and I am satisfied she could have killed me had I not intervened for her purpose as quickly as I did and had not help arrived."

The young lady has been suffering from frequent spells of temporary mental aberration. Late yesterday afternoon a jury heard the testimony of Mr. Miller, his daughter, and several others, when she was adjudged insane and committed to Montevue Hospital for treatment.

AT THE NAVAL ACADEMY.
Director Zimmerman Presented With a Handsome Gold Medal.

Annapolis, Md., March 7.—Admiral McNair, Superintendent of the Naval Academy, went to Washington in connection with Naval Academy improvements. It is expected that the director will receive a gold medal, and will be quartered in recently constructed buildings on the new grounds. The director has been presented with a handsome gold medal, the donors being the class of 1899, graduates of the academy. The medal was received by express and presented by Cadet Hayne Ellis, of Georgia, of the second class. The design is a golden shell, with a red ribbon, and on the reverse side is a golden lyre in bold relief and two dolphins. On the reverse side appears the inscription: "Presented to Commander Charles A. Zimmerman by the class of '99." Prof. Zimmerman during his twelve years' service as director of the Naval Academy has received eight medals, several class rings and batons.

Cumberland's Artesian Wells.
Cumberland, Md., March 7.—There are over 100 private artesian wells in Cumberland which supply good, palatable water. The wells are from 30 to 250 feet in depth. In one or two instances the water is sulphurous, but notable. The Cumberland Iron and Steel Company have a well 225 feet deep, but the water is not fit to drink on account of the magnesia it contains. In nearly every instance the water supply is large. The city has sunk several wells, but the water is not good. A number of persons advocate artesian wells on an extensive scale as the solution of the Cumberland water supply question. The matter is now pending in the council appropriation bill, for experimental wells with the view of furnishing public water supply. Water obtained from natural springs in the mountains is served by carriage to regular customers.

Smallpox Abating.
Pocomoke City, Md., March 7.—Dr. John S. Fulton, physician of the State Board of Health, who was here last week looking after the smallpox cases in Pocomoke City, says that the outbreak has been very well handled. The three cases in the city have all recovered. There are two cases in the city, one in a house of observation, one in a private house, and the other in a private house. The period of incubation is about passed and it is probable that there is no danger of more smallpox in Pocomoke City unless a new importation should occur.

MARYLAND HAPPENINGS.
Justice William J. Porter is very ill in Crisfield of Bright's disease.

Robert H. Henderson, of Cumberland, qualified as State's attorney and died \$100,000.

A savings bank has been organized at Woodboro, Frederick county, with Joseph Long as president.

The Annapolis soldiers of the First Maryland Regiment will re-enlist early in May under the State militia law.

Col. George A. Pearce will assist the prosecution in the pulp mill case at Hagerstown. It is understood the city of Cumberland has employed him.

United States Senator George L. Wellington is now at his home in Cumberland. He was much fatigued by the work of the closing hours of Congress. He will attend a meeting of the State Central Committee in Baltimore on Wednesday.

Sheriff A. M. Patterson, of Frederick city, has shipped all the samples of water taken from the Potomac River and Wills Creek by both the State and defendants, which were used in the Piedmont Pulp Mill case at Hagerstown, to Hagerstown. These same specimens will be used in the case to be tried under the new indictment.

The stockholders of the Hagerstown and Sharpsburg Turnpike Company have elected William H. Armstrong president in place of Rev. Henry Edwards, deceased; George M. Stonebraker, secretary; Alexander H. Treasurer; T. J. C. Williams, Joseph H. Trow, John Henry Jones, George M. Stonebraker, and Alexander Neill, directors.



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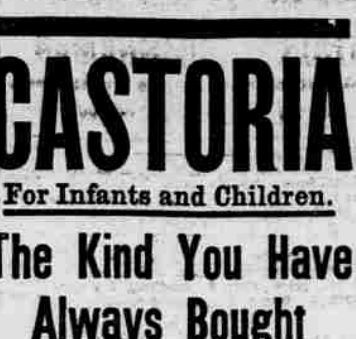
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Petersburg, Va., March 7.—The Swift Creek Cotton Mills, in Chesterfield county, after being idle for some years, have again resumed operations, and Mr. Quinn, the owner, expects to have the mills running day and night very shortly. These mills, when running on full time, will give employment to over 200 men, women, and children. Judge B. A. Hancock, of the circuit court of Chesterfield county, yesterday granted a charter to the Quinn Cotton

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